



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall – Midland, MI

Attending: Arnold, Barbeau, Bott, Brines, Kaye, Kell, Lauderbach, McGuire, Miller, Rathbun, Slezak, Staffileno, Wright

MDBA Board President: Scott Coyer

Staff Attending: Tisdale, Todd, Richardson

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Brad Kaye reviewed that a request from Momentum Midland has been made to consider the relocation of the Midland Farmer's market to the Putnam Park area east of Cronkright Street. Kaye pointed out that there are many facets of the project and that the DDA has been asked to consider two main points: 1) whether or not the Farmer Market is valuable/important to the Downtown, 2) What are the advantages/disadvantages of the Farmers Market in its current location vs. the proposed location. Kaye also noted that this meeting is informational in nature and that a public hearing is being sought for September 9, 2015.

Paul Barbeau presented the proposal from Momentum Midland to consider relocation of the Midland Farmer's Market to the Putnam Park area east of Cronkright Street. Barbeau noted that a traffic pattern study is currently being worked on and is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

McGuire noted that Board members would be allowed to ask questions followed by public comments, however those speaking are asked to keep to the topics that the DDA is tasked with considering: 1) whether or not the Farmer Market is valuable/important to the Downtown, 2) What are the advantages/disadvantages of the Farmers Market in its current location vs. the proposed location.

McGuire asked for further questions from the board seeing none opened the floor for public comment Tom McCann spoke against the proposed location and expressed concern with proposed bridge changes but has no objections to moving the Farmers Market; Rick Pain said he had no objection to moving the Farmers Market but objected to the proposed bridge changes, also concerned the M-20 bridge closure is not being considered with the traffic on the Poseyville Road bridge; Rich Keenan: expressed objection to proposed bridge changes but no objection to Farmers Market move; Dan Cline, expressed support for the project and concern with proposed changes to the bridge and the traffic lights heading north from the bridge. Noted that the bridge was not made pedestrian and bicycle friendly with the City Entranceway Project; John Nelson stated he had no objection to the project or the movement of the Farmers Market but was concerned with bridge space; Eugene Moore spoke against the proposed location; Scott Coyer spoke in support of the project and its positive impact on the district as a whole; Doris French expressed concerns with the proposed bridge changes; Jacquie Moeller expressed concerns with the proposed bridge changes; Randy Paquette: expressed concerns with the proposed bridge changes and business competition from market vendors; Greg Dornier inquired about the New Market Tax Credit; Ron Kissane expressed concerns with the proposed bridge changes; Ryan Carder inquired about how Cronkright St. would be

altered and if access to Ace Hardware on Saturdays would become difficult. Eugene Moore inquired as to who owns the property.

McGuire asked for any more public comments, seeing none moved on.

McGuire moved to schedule a public hearing to receive comments on the relocation of the Midland Farmer's Market proposal for the regular DDA Board meeting of September 9, 2015, seconded by Lauderbach. Motion unanimously adopted.

Meeting adjourned: 2:15 p.m.